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23. Optical Instrumentation
 24. Geo-exploration and Drilling Technology
 25. Mass Communication Video Production
 26. Still Photography Audio Production
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 34. Construction Technology Management
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 39. Soil Conservation and Water Management
 40. Forest and Wild Life Management.
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 43. Domestic Animal Farming
 44. Hill Agriculture
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 46. Early Childhood Care and Education.
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[Translation]

Destruction due to Floods in Bihar

2432. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the destruction due to flood has become a regular feature in some parts of Bihar, particularly in Saharsa, Supaul and Khagaria districts;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have formulated any flood control programme to face the problems arising out of flood;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Flood Management is a State subject and such schemes are planned and implemented by the State Governments out of their State Plan Funds allocated by the Planning Commission as Block Loans and Blocks Grants. However, realising the severe flood problems of Ganga Basin States including Bihar, the Central Government has set up the Ganga Flood Control Commission in 1972 which had prepared comprehensive

plan for flood management for the entire Ganga Basin including Kosi, Burhi Gandak, Bagmati, Adhwara group of rivers and Kamla Balan which affect the regions of Sharsa, Supaul and Khagariya districts. These have been sent to the States for preparation of detailed plans and implementation. Recently, the Ministry of Water Resources has constituted Five Regional Task Forces consisting of senior Central and State Government officers to examine the regional flood problems, review existing remedial measures and to recommend solutions. The Eastern Regional Task Force is examining the flood problems of Bihar.

In order to alleviate the severe flood problems of North Bihar, the Ministry of Water Resources during the Eighth Plan has launched a flood proofing programme for North Bihar with an outlay of Rs. 40 crore. Under this programme 98 schemes have been approved for implementation and an amount of Rs. 1.5 crore has been released during February, 96 to the State Government for initiating the works. The programme which includes the construction of raised platforms, provision of quick drainage facilities, communication links etc. would spill over to the Ninth Plan.

Assistance under AIBP

2433. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has asked the Ministry of Water Resources to assess Ghata Prabha, Karanja and Hippargi projects for assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance sought for; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The Government of Karnataka had requested for Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 10.00 crores for Ghataprabha-III, Rs. 20.00 crores for Karanja and Rs. 3.50 crores for Hippargi projects. However, no Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme could be approved for these projects as funds were not available under the relevant category.

[English]

Damage to NHs in Uttar Pradesh

2434. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the length of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh damaged by floods, rains and other calamities during the last two years; and